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CONTROL METHOD USING IP	) Date: November 12, 2001
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Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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A copy of a British Search Report is enclosed herewith. The documents listed on Form-1449 (modified) include those cited in the British Search Report of United Kingdom Patent Application No. GB 0011091.6 (1 page).

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**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	ISSUE DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB- CLASS	FILING DATE or 102(e) DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	6,094,431	07/25/00	Yamato, et al.	370	395	11/29/96

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

DOCUMENT NUMBER	PUBLICATION DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO
3084681	09/04/00	JP			Abstract
128956/1999	05/10/99	JP			Abstract
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**OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)**

"Packet-based multimedia communications systems," ITU-T Recommendation H.323 - Annex D, (September 1998), 10 pages.
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